

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A computer simulates a plurality of control terminals, for a video-on-demand system, by which viewers send VCR-like commands to a video server. This simulation includes displaying a set of buttons, on a visual monitor, for manually selecting any one of the simulated control terminals and for manually selecting any one of the VCR-like commands. Output signals are generated from the computer which represent the selected VCR-like command being sent from the selected simulated control terminal. These output signals are coupled to the video server where they are processed in the same manner as signals that are sent from actual control terminals on an actual video-on-demand system.